

January 1854

Thursday 1st

A dull cloudy morning and snowing some when we awoke, and blew by squalls nearly all day but the snow did not collect very much for by night nearly all the new snow had disappeared.

Uncle rested some last night and seems quite comfortable today - he did not get to sleep today till nearly four o'clock, he is getting turned round right again - Father about home all day, busy at odd jobs - soon after breakfast William started for Perryville to get his oxen shoe and wagon fixed - he did not get back until after supper and Father sent John Wareham after him not knowing but something had befallen him, but he did not get very far before he met him coming safe and sound - John Wareham getting out hoops - John Malloy doing the work at the mill - Mother sewing most of the day - Mary ironing - and after I got my dressings done, sat down and read to Uncle - and in the afternoon sewed some on Mrs Bowen's things -

Lizzie Pierce came in just at Evening and thought word that Mrs Christina Brown died last night - she appeared about as she had done during the day till a few minutes before she died - there was no one there but her daughters Mary and Christina -

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Another dull cloudy Morning - still looks like we might have some snow down soon - Wind Northerly -

Uncle does not seem quite as smart this Morning as he has done I think perhaps owing to hearing of Mrs Drowns death - he related some after he retired - but he did not get to sleep until nearly night but slept through the Evening very soundly. Father gone to the City with Dolly, and he got a Mrs Bittings to open the lynch on her throat that William started to open yesterday but did not succeed very well, father advised to cut deep enough. I reckon it is discharged very much. John Hall gone to the City with a load of hoops will bring out a load of Compass - William and John William getting out hoops after the work at the farms & were done up - William bought a quart of oysters today - Edward Pierce brought from the office last Evening a letter from Mrs Dolly Wright Pitts William N. H. to Mr James Blanding Palsboth Mrs - also one from Mrs L. C. Grey - West Baccaven N. H. to L. B. Blanding Palsboth Mrs - also some paper from J. J. Stittinger Ottawa Ill - Cousin William Palsboth brought sister Lephie home the afternoon - Annette came with them - Lephie went to a party Wednesday Evening at Mrs Monells, had a fine time - We walked down to the singing school the Evening had a fine time - we have an excellent teacher - Father carried our Eagle Sam into the City today - he has sold him - sent a letter to the Office to Mrs N. A. Stittinger Ottawa Ill - also one to A. B. B.

Saturday January 3rd 1857-

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We have a stormy morning with the appearance of a stormy day - it did not commence snowing till about six o'clock this morning but it has snowed very steadily all day and it came very still and cool - but this afternoon the wind blew more, but the snow is so moist the men think it will not bank very much -

Uncle much the same as yesterday - he rested considerably last night and today did not get to sleep till a late night -

Father, William, and the Johns have been about home all day - the Johns have finished thrashing what oats there was in the barn and cleaned up twenty seven bushels in all -

Mother about the baking - Sophie sewing and assisting Mother about the baking - Mary busy about the work in the kitchen - I have swept the room and the other chambers - and after dinner sat down and read to Uncle until I went to sleep and took a nap - then washed myself and combed my hair and dressed for supper - after tea we sang while Mother making a robin for father this afternoon and Eve Sophie sewing for Mrs Bowen - Mr Hathaway came after the birth about two o'clock - had a stormy time - Mrs Drown's children have a long day to come from Fisherville, I hope they will get through safely -

Sabbath January 4th 1857-

We have a clear morning, the storm
ceasing towards morning, and at light
the clouds had passed on, but there was
a black cloud laying in the East.

Uncle rested some last night and is
quite comfortable this morning - he did
not get to sleep till about eight today - he
has changed his linen this evening -

The wind blew very hard last night and the
snow is considerably banked, so much so that
none of us ventured to start in a sleigh so all
have staid at home - have spent the day in
reading to Uncle, singing, and reading &c &c -
Mr W. Pierce did not get home till this
morning, he went out in a sleigh - two or three
sleighs have passed today -

Father has been down to the Miss Drowns
to see what they wished of him - Mr Isaac,
Albert and Miss Martha Drown reached home
Saturday Evening - when father returned Will
took the horse and went over to Mr W. J. Hunt
to see if he would go up to the depot to meet
Mr Grosvenor - John Wareham not here this
Evening -

William shot a hawk this morning -

Uncle this
about 180 above zero

Monday January 5th 1857

Woke this morning and found it
cloudy with the appearance of snow
soon, hope it will not snow today as
the funeral is today at eleven o'clock.
Uncle rested very well last night and
seems about as usual this morning - but I
think the death of Mrs Brown has made him
more gloomy than he was before he did not
go to sleep today till evening -

Father is not very well this morning, as his
cough troubles him very much last night, so
after seeing Mr Hiram Dwyer this morning he
decided not to attend the funeral - and he
staid with Uncle and Mother, Leaphy, and
myself attended - William had to break track
so he did not get home in season to go - the house
was full - Mr Grosvenor did not get there till nearly
eleven o'clock on account of the snow - some of the
family had our horse and sleigh to go to the grave
with so we remained until they returned, and then
came directly home - Mr Grosvenor gave us a call this eve
and went up to see Uncle, and made a prayer with
him - he spends the night at Mr Hortons who takes
him into the City in the morning early -

Father seems quite smart this evening - William &
John Malloy doing the work about the barn &c -
Mary washing and getting the dinner &c - John
Warham has gone to the City today to see about
getting a place to learn a trade - and when he return
-ed, he said he had procured a place does not
work for William any more -

Tuesday January 6th 1857

A bright clear cold morning,
Uncle rested quite well. Last night
and is so so today

B - slightly today without medicine

Father feels better today his cough did
not trouble him as much last night as the
night before - He has been at home all day
William and John Malloy at home cutting wood
and doing the work at the saw - Mother sewing
as is Leephe - Mary busy in the kitchen -
I have been reading to Uncle and knitting -
John ^{Wigham} ~~Malloy~~ has been in getting his clothes
picked together - they had not been very
much travelling past here today - some few
hicks - and one or two teams with a waggon -
William has taken Leephe up to Mr Ezra
Greene's this afternoon where she is to do some
work for Susan Smith -

William has been over to Mrs Allen's this eve
of an errand - the babe they think is better -
I have been sewing this evening, on some work
for Mrs Bowen

Mary this
Monday this

Wednesday January 7th 1857

Morn at 10
Nervous this
Another clear cold morning, with a high wind from the North West - we had a cold night in the house last night, the wind blew the cold in -

Uncle had a good nights rest last night and seems quite comfortable this morning. I have read to him considerably today - He is making a shirt for William L. Mary busy in the kitchen this morn and this afternoon has finished ironing, and I have ironed Uncles shirt and Lepters collar - Father about home all day, William took a letter to the Office today for Mrs Polly Wright, Pitts William N.Y.C. William and John Malloy doing the work about the barn and cutting wood -

Lissie Pierce scolded a little while this forenoon - I have written to Mrs Wright today, and also sent a newspaper to Anna A. Murray Norton, Mass - William brought from the Office one letter from Mrs A. A. Kattinger Ottawa Illinois to W. W. Blanding Duxbury Mass also one from A. C. Blanding N.D. Lyons Clinton County Iowa to W. W. Blanding Duxbury Mass - little Mary Eliza they hope is better, the others have recovered - The Dashing cow gave upwards of fourteen qts of milk today -

Thursday January 8th 1857

The early morning was somewhat cloudy
and soon after light it commenced snowing
some and we had a few snow squalls and
than cleared off and we have had a bright
clear day but cold and on account of the high
wind very tedious to be out in -

Uncle had a fine night's rest and seems quite
comfortable this morning - I have read to him
a considerable today - and have commenced a
letter to Mrs. N. A. Mattinger Ottawa Illinois
Father about home all day - William started
for the City about seven o'clock after a load
of grain but home about four o'clock John doing
the work at the farm and cutting wood - Mother
sewing on Williams shirt - Mary busy in the
kitchen - Eben Lane had the oxen and sled
to draw a load of hoop poles down to his house
They have got a rat in the milk cellar this eve
and are trying to catch it - the Cushing cow
gave over fifteen qts of milk today - William
milked only three cows and gets twenty seven
quarts for the milk men besides what the col-
lars and what we want to use - William got
a letter from Mr. G. M. Justice Philadelphia this morn-
ing to Dr. William Poland -

Mercury 10°
Therm 10° below

Friday January 9th 1857

A clear pleasant morning, and for a
society very still, the wind subsided to-
morrow and we have had a very quiet and
comfortable day -

Uncle had a good night's rest and seems
quite comfortable this morning - I have
read to him considerably to day - Mother busy
on William's shirt - Mary busy in the kitchen -
Father about home all day - William and John
getting in the oats or a stack of them - this afternoon
they have been helping Mr Horton break track -

I have written letters to Mrs S. A. Kittinger Maine
W. and C. L. Whimpton Wardsboro - We took them
to the office when we went to the singing school -
Lizzie Pierce called a few minutes this afternoon
just after she left her father passed out, and
a short time before dark he passed back en route
for Lebanon to attend a sing there - his wife, Edward
and Anna accompanied him - Lizzie walked
down to the singing school - William and myself
went down together, and we brought Lizzie
back with us - the new books were purchased this
Evening, and I should think they were very good -
We are not long coming home for Tommy heard
the bells behind him -

William's shirt

Mary's kitchen

Uncle's rest

Saturday January 10th 1857

Another clear pleasant day, and very still - the appearance of the storm has passed off, but it is warmer and we may have a storm very soon -

Uncle had another good night's rest and is quite comfortable this morning -

Father at home this morning, but went up to Mill this afternoon at Perryville - William getting out hoops - John doing the work about the barn - Mother at the Waking, and Mary assisting her and doing the other work - I did my cleaning and sweeping the Chambers in the morning, and this afternoon had some to Uncle - Eben Lane had the oxen and sheep this afternoon and sheeps -

A sleighing party went by this morning most of them from the village - It commenced snowing about three o'clock this afternoon and has snowed quite fast -

William French brought sister Leaph home this Evening she was very glad to get home William gone over to Mrs. Allens this Eve

Sabbath January 11th 1857.

It is still snowing this morning, but did not snow much during the night, and the wind has not blown so as to drift the snow any more.

Uncle had a good night's rest and feels about as usual this morning, he has had a good deal of reading this evening today. It has been so stormy today that none of us got to church and we expect they had another very thin meeting. Mr Dwight came to preach I believe. After the morning work was done we spent some time in singing and then reading to Uncle. I took a nap in Uncle's room - then sat reading down stairs.

B - slightly today without medicine.

Uncle changed his linen this evening - retired about half past ten - it has ceased snowing this afternoon and looks like clearing off.

I learned this morning that two sleighs of the yesterday's party were not very far from here, one in Duckport and the other just over the line in Sabbath.

Monday January 12th 1867

A clear cold morning, and not much wind. It blew some last night but not enough to drift much.

Uncle has had another comfortable night and seems about as usual this morning. We do not wash today but instead pick chickens. Father about home all day and he has staid with Uncle while I have been picking chickens. Mother has prep. since dinner and Lefke, Mary, and John have helped pick the chickens. Lefke picked nearly two, and then went to dressing off and did them all. We dressed twenty. William got out hogs all day, besides helping kill the fowls. Lissie Pierce made us a call about noon, and brought us over a turkey.

William, Lefke and myself attended the reading Circle this evening at Dea. E. A. Browns. quite a full meeting I should think. not as interesting as some I think. we carried Lissie down. had a little sing at recess. The next is to be at Mr Joseph Carpenters. It was very pleasant when we came home it was so moonlight.

Tuesday January 13th 1867-

Another beautiful morning and
some warmer - the wind getting bouncier more
southerly - hope we shall not have rain
to spoil the sleighing -

Uncle rested very well last night and seems
as comfortable as usual this morning -

Father went to Providence this morning with
poultry, and Lissie Pierce went in with him
to do some shopping. I intended to have gone
in but Uncle wanted I should stay with him
so decided to remain at home - Mother assisting
in the kitchen, while Mary is washing - Cephe
sewing, preparing to go up to Mr B. Bowens to stay
two or three days - I have read to Uncle some
and cut out a collar for make for brother William.
Mrs E. M. Pierce called and sat awhile with
Uncle, she brought a letter over that she had
received from Mrs A. D. Murray, she spoke of Susie's
sickness at Norton - her old complaint of headache
and fever - Had quite an early tea and very soon
after William, Cephe, and myself started for
Mr Parker Bowens where we arrived between
six and seven o'clock and found all in usual
health - we made a good long evening stay here
for home about ten minutes before eleven - got
home a little before twelve - we had a delightful
ride home it was so moonlight saw one sleigh
besides ourselves on the road - it has the appear-
ance of a storm soon -
B. today without medicine -

Monday this
Parker & Bowens

Wednesday January 14th 1857

Instead of a stormy Morning as we anticipated we have a clear pleasant Morning with the wind North East -

lunches rested fine by last night and seems about as usual this Morning - Father about home all day - William getting out hoops - John doing the work about the farm and has been to the woods after a load of hoop poles - Mother sewing has begun some shirts for father - Mother busy in the kitchen I have read a good deal to lunch since I got my chamber work done up in the new book father got for him yesterday - Recollections of a Lifetime by H. G. Goodrich

B - today without Medicine -

There has been a good deal of passing today in sleeping people seem to be improving the sleeping &

Thursday January 15th 1867

On rising this morning found it cloudy
and looking like we might have a storm

Merry this
morning
In the rest of the last part of the night
very well and slept some this morning, and
seems about as usual - as I had made my
arrangements to go to the City today, and William
had engaged to meet Mr. Gatten Bowen there, I
prepared to go but it commenced to snow before
we started, but I concluded to go, and a
little after ten o'clock we started. Gatten
went with us, it stormed all the way in
but it ceased about noon and cleared off
and we have had a clear afternoon, but
it grows colder - Elizabeth went out shopping
with me - I spent five dollars, and fifty cents of
Gatten's money for things he wished me to
purchase and lent William five dollars
and fifty cents of Gatten's money - William and
myself took dinner at Mr. Plimpton's, father did
not go up there - we reached home a little before
dark - Mother took care of Gatten, and Mary
prepared dinner and did the other work -
John about home to see to the out door
work - Left he still at Mr. Bowen's - Even I am
called a few minutes this afternoon - it is getting
to be very cold -

Friday January 16th 1857

Mercury this

Barom 10.4 below

A clear cold morning, the coldest we have had this winter, but the cold did not get into the house very badly as it was very still -

Linch rested the last part of the

night, and has been sleeping this

morning awake - father about home

all day - William getting out hoops and

John doing the work at the barn and cutting

wood for the house - Mother sewing - Mary

busy in the kitchen while I read the Ench

a while this morning, and went over to Mrs

Alkins of an errand for Mother and this after

-noon have been writing to Mrs N. D. Nattings

Ottawa Ill and also have finished a letter

to A. C. Blanding Mr D. Lyons Iowa, that

William had commenced - Eben Lane had

the team to go to the City today - William

and John went with him a little ways to do

some shovelling so they can get along with

a shed - this Evening went down to singing

school, a good many present - Mary went down

with us - Leph came down with Edward and

came home with us - Mrs Bowen quite miserable

Mr Noah Pierce was out this Evening - it is

cloudy and looks like a storm - got letters from

Mrs A. C. Guy containing the interest on one of the

note also a letter from Dr. A. C. Blanding -

Monday
Evening
This

Saturday January 17th 1867

A cloudy morning but it cleared during the forenoon and we have had quite a pleasant day as it was warmer than yesterday -

Uncle is about as usual this morning, he rested nicely the last part of the night and has been sleeping this morning -

Father gone to the City today - William at home splitting out hoops and doing the work at the barn as John has gone to the City with a load of wood will bring out Cornsack - Mother baking, Mary assisting her besides doing the other work - Leaph cutting out work and has helped Mother about the baking some while I have swept and washed Uncle's room and swept the other chambers - and this afternoon have read awhile to Uncle - Leaph went over to Mr. M. Pierce's this afternoon awhile - Elery Wilmarth called and sat awhile this ~~Evening~~ Evening, we had a little sing, there has not been very much passing today, for shipping - it has clouded up again and looks like a storm I hope it will be pleasant tomorrow -

Sabbath January 18th 1857

A very cold morning and cloudy, looks very much like snow.

Uncle. rested very well. the last part of the night and has slept awhile this morning, he seems about as usual. He changed his linen this Evening and got through it very well - it has been so severely cold to day that no one has ventured out to Church excepting William who attended Church this afternoon - not very many out - it was so cold the horses and cattle shook in their stables and William thought the weather too cold to keep the horse out - We have spent the day mostly in reading to Uncle &c - Bro. Mr. Dwight preached for us - William brought from the Office one letter from Mr. J. G. Withinger Ottawa Ill. to Dr. W. Blanding Ipsworth Mass - all well at Ottawa excepting little Mary Eliza, who has another complaint now but they hope, she has got relief and will soon be well.

The storm held off till between five and six this afternoon when it commenced snowing and the wind blew and as night advanced the wind increased and we had a gale storm during the night it drifted the snow very badly -

Mercury this
morning 13° below

Monday January 14th 1867

A dark stormy morning with a high
wind which continued till afternoon
when the sun came out and towards Eve-
ning the wind subsided somewhat but then
quite fresh all night.

Uncle rested some the first part of the night
but the last part he rested nicely and slept
this morning till after ten o'clock. He seems
as comfortable as usual - the storm has
continued very severe. I think I never saw
one much more severe if any, the road between
here and Mt Pierce is full with the walls -
there does not seem to be very much snow in
the middle of the fields. John has not got
over here to day, and father and William have
done nothing excepting to do the work at the
barn, and to sit by the fire and try to keep
warm. Mother has assisted about the work
in the kitchen and this afternoon been sewing -
She has been knitting, reading, &c. - Mary washed
a while. I have read to Uncle and finished my
stockings, and begun a mitten. This evening
we sang a while - it clouded over towards
night and stormed some in the evening but
it cleared off during the night -

This evening without medicine

Tuesday January 20th 1857

Evening this
The Morning was clear and some
warmer than for a few days past -
lunch & rest none. The first part of the
night but the last part he rested very
well, and has been sleeping very well this
Morning till nearly Noon - he is much as usual
B. today without Medicine.

Soon after breakfast William started out to
help break track, and was joined by Mr. Harte
McPierce, and Elery Wilmarth. William soon
came back and got his open and drove them
through from Lee to Mrs. Allen's, and back
and the men got as far as Mrs. Lanes during
the forenoon, in the afternoon William and
Elery took their open and with a sled hitched
to them drove over where they had been at work
during the Morning, and they succeeded in getting
as far as the turnpike, by going through Mr. Nash's
hay field - as there was a very large bank just
beyond. Mr. C. Blanding - father has been clearing
off the snow around the house and making
paths - John doing the work about the barn and
unloading a load of Compost, besides shovelling
snow, so as to get the horses out to water - Mother
and Lizzie sewing and knitting - Lizzie cut my
dress this afternoon - it looks like we might
have a storm soon.

Wednesday January 2nd 1857

Morn
Evening
This

A dull stormy morning, but the clouds
broke away and towards noon the sun came
out for awhile, but it has been cloudy most
of the day, but it has not stormed much
Uncle Arthur home till after midnight since which
time he rested very well and has slept fine this
morning till after noon - Mother sewed this
morning and has been reading to Uncle in the
Gleaners book this afternoon - Lethe sewed awhile
on my dress and then went to sewing for Mrs Bowen -
Father cleared the snow out of the front Entry
this morning and then with Mary went into
the attic where they worked busily till noon -
William was off soon after breakfast breaking
track and by noon had been as far as the end
of the turnpike by Mr W Wheatons and back, and
then to Mr George Polisses - this afternoon they
have been out with four yoke of oxen with the
sled and a large log chained before it, and it has
made quite good track - they went as far as Mr
Pengolds with the team - William and Mr Hoctor
have taken their milk up to Mr Hathaways this after-
noon - they put into our big sleigh and harnesses
Tom to it and drove him as far as they could then
took him out and hitched him and then they drew
the sleigh by hand most there and then carried
the cans by hand the rest of the way - John Hunt
helped them - Cyrus Gutter went by on his way to Providence
and did not go back till about nine in the evening - I have
finished my letter today and commence the other -
Mary busy in the kitchen -

Thursday January 22nd 1857-

Another dull stormy morning, with quite a high wind, it has stormed some during the night but not very much.

Uncle rested none till after one o'clock but slept well after that, and has slept finely this morning till noon - Father, William and John about home - not much going on out of doors today - Mother sewing on father's shirt - Lucie writing to Miss Fanny Skinner - while I have knitted and read to Uncle - this afternoon - Mary prepared dinner and this afternoon has been ironing Cyrus Guller and Jonathan Barney passed here again this morning on their way to the City - I pity the poor horses - Mr Pungstersmith's boy has passed both ways - driving so quick for such travelling but he does not seem to have much mercy for the poor horse -

I wrote a letter to Mrs Susan C. Grey West Boston N.H. yesterday don't know when I shall get it to the office -

Cyrus Guller and Barney passed on their way home while we were at tea - It has cleared off this afternoon - but the wind blows hard and grows cold, so we have the prospect of a very cold night -

On this day endorsed the interest received on the thirtieth of this month on Dr N.H. Grey's Note - Noah Pierce went to the City on foot this morning -

Friday January 2nd 1857

A clear bright morning, but very cold. The wind still blows very hard. Since the snow drifts it is so dry and light - lunch. rested none. The first part of the night, but got to sleep towards morning - and slept finely as he has done all the

forenoon - he seems about as usual today. It is very cold this morning so the plants were in the back room with the windows barricaded and a fire in the room - so we moved part of them into Len's room and took some down stairs to put into the cellar, and there found the plants in the cellar were freezing so we brought them out into the basement and I hope I shall not lose any of them - made a fire in the cellar and covered up the Dahlias roots with old things to protect them -

I wrote letters to Mrs. N. H. Katterjohn, Ottawa, Ill. also to A. O. Blanding, N. D. Lyons, Iowa this morning and sent with them to the office one to Mrs. S. C. Gray, West Barre, N. H. and I kept the sent one to Mrs. M. A. Walker, Boston and William took them down to the office but the mail did not go out today on account of the traveling John Malloy after Eben Leard. Went down well brother to the office. I kept the Mary put a blanket on to the little calf this morn - not much doing today in doors except trying to keep warm - I shut Len's room up for the first time this winter this afternoon. The fog has gone down - prospect of another cold night -

Saturday January 24th 1857-

A clear and very cold morning, and very still so it does not seem much colder in the house than yesterday morning. Uncle rested more till about five o'clock this morning but has slept finely all the morning till about one o'clock this afternoon he seems about as usual. Father out shovelling snow and doing odd jobs in and out doors. William gone to break track again with Mr. Horton and Eben Lane - and this afternoon they have been up with their Smith to Mr. Hathaway. Mr. Nash, Wilmautt, Lane &c have been with theirs to Mr. Paynol's - James Laning here helping John get in a stack of hay and cutting wood &c &c. Mother assisted in the kitchen this morning and this afternoon sewing and reading to Uncle. Leephe assisting in the kitchen some and this afternoon sewing some. Mary busy in the kitchen while I have knitted, slept, and read to Uncle. I finished my mittens this afternoon - I did not go to bed last night. Set in Uncle's room to keep the fire up, and to wait on Uncle as he could not make me hear if the door was shut and I in my bed. I sat in the big chair and slept - it is snowing now half past five and William predicts a stormy day tomorrow.

Monday 25th and 26th of January

Monday 25th

Sabbath January 25th 1857-

A clear pleasant Sabbath Morning
after a little snow storm during the
night -

Uncle rested none till about five o'clock
this morning, when he got to sleep and slept
finely till about noon -

B - This morning without medicine -
has had his linen changed this evening and
got through it nicely -

It is very pleasant to see a pleasant Sabbath
once more although it is cold - William busy
at his chores, and it took him so long he could
not get ready in season to go to Church this
morning -

W. W. Blanding

L. H. Blanding

S. M. Blanding at Church

this afternoon, more present than I expect
to see - we did not have any Minister only a
Deacons meeting - Mr Buckner read some
from a sermon - had some singing but not very
good - It is very bad travelling at part of the
way to the village - they go across the field
in front of Mr Christopher Blandings instead
of the road as there is so much snow just beyond
Mr Blandings house - Father Mother and Mary
at home with dinner - William gone over to
Mr Hortons and Mr Princes this evening -

Monday January 26th 1857-

Another bright clear morning but
cold -

Uncle rested none till about five o'clock
this morning, when he got to sleep and
slept till noon very finely - he seems
comfortable as usual -

as comfortable as usual -
I called Mary at five o'clock so as to have
an early breakfast, which was ready and eaten
by lamp light - and William as soon as he had
done a few of the chores, prepared to go to the
City after grain &c. - James Nash came with his
oxen and put them with ours to the sled, and
when he got as far as Johna Malloy's John
Hunt met them with another pair and hitched
them with the others and they started. Ben Lane
went with them. Mr Pierce, Mr Horton and William
took their horses and sleighs and went with the
sheep. ^{to Davis Walker and a snow bank}
The sheep got stuck ^{by L. Hunt and by Gardner but they} as we had to back out and
go another way and make all went by the way of
Gardner's butchers, which made a much farther
then, the roads in Leekhook have not been
cleared sufficiently to get along. Father has
been about home all day shovelling snow &c. -
John seeing to the cattle &c. - Mother assisting
the kitchen and knitting - Lephie sewing - Mary
washing while I have sewed some and read the
Lent's article - Lephie sent off her letter to Miss
Lanny C. Skinner, Brooklyn N. Y. - Lizzie Pierce
called a few minutes this afternoon - the reading
touch meets at Mr Joseph Carpenters this evening
want to go very much. - kids here. be disappointed
William returned between five and six o'clock -

Tuesday January 2nd 1867

The January thaw has at last arrived and we had a dull, morning with some rain - but not very much as yet -

Uncle rested none till about five this morning when he got to sleep and has slept finely a good part of the day - he seems about as usual -

Father at home all day, he has not been out to do much today he has a troublesome cold - William out soon after breakfast breaking track got back before dinner time - John doing the work at the farm and cutting wood - Mother knitting, reading and sewing most of the day (not all at once though) Lizzie sewing Mary busy in the kitchen - I have mended my dress or finished mending it - There has been a good deal of passing here today towards the City - the village team got stuck a little way below Mr. Wenhams, and was a long time getting out, but succeeded at last - Lizzie Pierce made us a short call this afternoon - It commenced raining about half past two this afternoon and it has returned quite hard part of the time, the snow has disappeared in the middle of the fields a good deal today -

Elizabeth sent us out a letter from Mr. Stetson by William yesterday - Mary Eliza was getting better and the rest was well - he also brought from the office one from Mr. J. M. Justice Philadelphia Penn to Dr. William Chandler Providence R. I. Uncle lent William twenty five dollars (\$25.00) yesterday - Mr. Horton, Julia, and Lizzie Pierce came in this evening and sung awhile -

Mercury this
Baron & below freezing

Wednesday January 28th 1854

Mercury 10 below freezing
A dull cloudy morning and looks
some like rain - Still throwing some
Uncle did not rest any last night but got
to sleep about six this morning and has slept
most of the day finely - He seems as comfortable
as usual - Father at home all day, his foot is
very troublesome - and he has sit in Uncle's room
most of the day - William went up to Perryville
to Smith this morning and did not get home till
after dark, he expected to have been early in the
afternoon - John at home busy about the barn
and cutting wood - Mother busy sewing some
for myself and afterwards knitting on father's stocking
Sephie sewing on cousin Susan Smith's dress -
Mary busy in the kitchen - and I have read to
Uncle, and done some shelling - and just com-
menced a letter to Mrs J. D. Mc Murtry -
James Langan has been down to the office
to day and brought our mail up which consisted
of several newspapers and one letter from J. G. W.
to James B. Lanning, saying that sister Nancy
was sick but thought she would be up again
in a few days - the others of the family were in usual
health - He brought a letter for Lissie Pierce for
Auntie M. Pierce Addison N. Y. -
The Evening closes in dark and cloudy -

Thursday January 29th 1864

A dull stormy morning, with a prospect of a stormy day.

Uncle did not rest any last night but got to sleep about six this morning and has slept most of the day finely and seems as well as usual. Father about home all day, most of the time in Uncle's room - his tooth is very troublesome today, and broke in the afternoon and relieved it somewhat. William dressing two pigs for John this morning and this afternoon he dressed two pigs for Mr. Johnson and Lephie and myself attended to the intestines. Mother sewing for Lephie and knitting on father's stockings. Lephie finishing Susan Smith's shoes. Mary clearing out the closet and scrubbing the floor this evening - I have been writing to Mrs. McMurtry today - this morning I went into Mrs. C. McKees a few minutes to deliver a letter to her - and this afternoon she brought home William's coat that her mother has been making for him - I read to Uncle a little while this evening - and then spent the rest of the evening in singing - Elbery Wilmers came in and spent the evening and sang with us.

It has snowed a little most all day but has not collected very fast - the evening closes in showing a little.

Mary
Lephie
William
John
Susan
Mrs. McKees

Friday January 30th 1867

A clear pleasant morning, it seems
very pleasant to see the sun again -
Uncle did not sleep any last night
and did not get to sleep till after break-
fast, but since then he has slept finely -
he seems much as usual -

Father about home all day, sitting in Uncle's
room most of the day, his boil is some better
William and John about home all day - this
afternoon have got in a load of wood for Uncle
James Langen has had Tom and Shieph to go
up after his trunk at Mr. Sanfords - he has let him-
self to Mr. W. Johnson for the summer - Mother
mending Williams coat - Leph has been in to Mrs
C. M. Pines this morning - and this afternoon has
sewing on my dress - Mary busy in the kitchen - I
have furnished my letter to Mrs. Mc Murtry Canada
Miss - and written one to Mrs. N. A. Kettinger Ottawa Ill
took them to the Office this Evening when we
went to singing school - had a large number
pleasant at the sing this Evening and had some
fine singing - got a letter from A. O. Blanding Lyons
Iowa to Dr. W. Blanding Fitchboro Mass. -
James Nash was hurt by an ox today in the eye
it looks some like a storm this Evening -
B - tonight without medicine -

Mary about home
Mary this

Saturday January 31st 1857-

A cloudy morning and soon after light

it commenced snowing, and snowed a little while
and then stopped, but soon commenced again.

Uncle rested more last night than he did not
get to sleep this morning till between seven and eight
o'clock, but he has slept finely since - he is about as
usual - Father about home all day, and has sat
with Uncle most of the day - William concluded
to go to the City today, and as Lephew wished to do a
little shopping, we concluded to go in with him, but
and thought the snow storm would soon cease
he started a little before eleven, and the snow contin-
ued to come - and we had quite a snow storm going
in - it changed to rain before we left the City and
we had a wet time coming out but we did not get
so very wet we were so well bundled up - William
got considerable wet - we did not have any umbrellas

Found all the family at Mr Plimptons as well as
usual - Edward leaves for Vermont Tuesday next -

It was so unpleasant we did not do any shopping
but left it for Elizabeth to do - Elizabeth had received
a letter from - Mrs S. C. Gray, all well - Mother about the
taking with Marys assistance - I did most of
my Saturday work before going to the City -
Papa wrote to Uncle this evening

B to Night without medicine

February 1857
Sabbath 1st

Once more we have a clear pleasant
Sabbath Morning, and very pleasant. Uncle
rested none last night and did not
get to sleep till about eight o'clock this morn-
but he has slept finely most of the day since -
he is about as comfortable as usual. The Traveller
is so bad that William does not venture to Chur-
with the horse as Lyman Fuller got into a bad
place and had to untackle his horse to get
him out - William attended meeting this
afternoon, no one else from here - Mr. Pierce
and family started but found such bad going
he turned round and came back. Rev. Mr.
Dwight preached today - not a great many
present - William brought home word that
Mrs. Ruben Bowen had a little son born last
Monday night - have spent the day in singing
reading to Uncle and to myself - and this afternoon
have taken a nap - William brought nothing
from the office but some newspapers.

Mercury this
March 28th above

Monday February 2nd 1857-

Another clear pleasant Morning but cooler than it has been

Uncle rested none last night and did not get to sleep this Morning till about eight o'clock but has slept most of the day - he seems about as usual this Morning -

B - today without medicine -

Father about home all day, his cold is better today. He has sat with Uncle most of the day - William about home all the Morning and this afternoon has been up to Mr Noah Besses jr - he got home so as to do the chores as John has been been to the City after a load of Compost - he got home about sunset - Mother assisting in the kitchen - Mary washing - Lephie sewing and ripping up an old dress - she has been in to Mrs E M Pierce this afternoon - a little while they have concluded not to go up to the reading Circle this Evening - it is much colder - I have had one of my sick headaches today and have not done much. Have written in my Journal, and since have been in bed - shall feel better tomorrow I think - have taken some medicine today -

William and Lephie have ~~been~~ been singing a while this Evening -

Tuesday February 22 1864 -

Morning this
Morning at five
A clear pleasant morning but much colder
Uncle did not get any sleep last night and
did not get to sleep any this morning till noon -
but since dinner has slept nicely - he
seems much as usual today - Father and
Mother have taken a sleigh ride today and have
gone up to spend the day with Aunt Peachet Cooper
- William has gone up to attend Mr James
Moultons Auction - John about home seeing to
the cattle and cutting wood - Mary busy in the
kitchen ironing this afternoon - Lethe sewing -
and I read to lunch while this morning and have
begun to knit my stockings - and have made up my
journal for the month - my birds have been out
again today - Samuel Case came along today the
first time since the great snow storm - there has
been a good deal of passing to day going to the Auction
place - Am. Kelley called in a few moments on
his way to the village - William returned between
four and five o'clock - said the things as well as
he thought - Father and Mother did not return
until the Evening - they had a fine visit - found
Aunt Peachet very smart for her - George had gone
to the Auction - William and John have loaded a
load of hay this since William came home -

Wednesday February 4th 1857-

Some cloudy this morning with appearance
of rain soon -

Uncle rested more last night and did not
get to sleep very early this but since dinner
has slept quite well - he seems about as usual -

B - this Evening without medicine -

William took quite an early start for the city this
morning for the City took in a load of hay - will
bring out Compost - father about home this morning
he does not feel very well today - Mother busy doing
odd jobs - Lephie busy sewing on her dress - Mary
busy in the kitchen - John has gone away today and
Anns brother James is here at work for John - Lephie
went into Mrs C. M. Pierce's a little while this morning
I have read to Uncle awhile this morning - and
this afternoon father and myself took drive as
far as cousin William Bullocks - found all in
usual health - we went down through the village
stopped at the post office but did not get any
letters for ourselves, one for Mrs C. M. Pierce - two
papers from J. J. Katterger Ottawa Ill - we came home
by the devils pond - did not find the road broken
out good all the way, had to go into the hole, a good
deal - got home about five o'clock - it has thawed
very fast this afternoon - William did not get
home till into the evening - it is now raining -

Thurs Feb 5th 1857
Thurs Feb 5th 1857

Thursday February 5th 1857-

Mercury 38°
Therm 38°

A dark cloudy morning with some rain. Uncle settled home last night, but got to sleep quite early this morning and has slept finely most of the day - he seems as comfortable as usual. Father about home all day also. William who with James has been busy about the barn and this afternoon has been picking over beans and James cutting wood. John has not returned yet. Mother busy sewing and ripping up an old bonnet. Lephie sewing on her waist. Mary busy in the kitchen. While I have read some to Uncle and knipa little and this afternoon have commenced a letter to Mrs. A. P. Murray South the Danvers Mass and also one to A. C. Blanding Mr. D. Lyons Iowa. There has not been much passing here today - the snow has not disappeared very fast today.

William went over to Mr. B. B. Horton's this evening to meet the other trustees there but none came probably owing to the unpleasant weather. Mr. Hathaway came round this evening and settled last month's milk bill. I played on the Melodeon awhile this evening and sung with Lephie.

Friday February 6th 1854.

Another dull foggy cloudy morning -
lunch restive home last night, and did
not get to sleep very early this morning but
since he got to sleep he has slept nicely - he
seems about as usual today -

B. this Evening without medicine -

Gathered about home all day, and has got quite
smar again - William went up to Perryville to
Smith this morning, did not find very good sheeping
he did not get home till afternoon - James is here
to day helping John thrash some Cots - Mother
busy fixing a dress - Lephie busy on her waist -
Mary busy in the kitchen preparing for baking to
morrow - I read awhile to lunch this morning and
then began my writing - and have finished letters to
Mrs. M. A. Vattergen Ottawa Ill - Mrs. A. P. Murray South
Dartmouth, Mass, and one to A. B. Blanding North B. Lyons
Clinton County Iowa, and took them down to
the office where we went to singing school - Ferdinand
Bliss called to see us just before we started for the sing
he is going down to the school - we found ourselves
travelling could not go at all fast but got there before
school began - not very many present - the travelling
is so bad I reckon I had a very pleasant sing - got
a letter from J. G. Vattergen Ottawa Illinois to Dr
William Blanding Bathboth Mass - also one from
Mrs. L. Lantry Wash Bassacren New Hampshire to
James Blanding Esq Bathboth Mass - we got several
papers from Ottawa - besides the weekly papers -

Saturday February 7th 1857-

It is still dull cloudy weather - the snow is disappearing very rapidly - Uncle rested none last night and did not get to sleep today until after dinner - he has not slept as soundly to day as usual - he seems as comfortable as usual - his appetite is very good - We heard this morning that Mr Johnsons little child was dead and that the funeral was to take place this morning, so father, Mary, Ellen, Elizabeth Price, and myself went up, but but very few present - Bro Mr. Lodge attended the funeral - his remarks and prayer were excellent - father has been at home the remainder of the day - William has been with Mr. Harte clearing out the road some and breaking out the P.M. with spades - James and John thrashing again today - Mother baking with Marys assistance - I expect not well today - Mary busy in the kitchen - while I have been sweeping the chamber - I got home for the funeral -

Uncle entered his eighty fifth year this morning - his head is nearly white but his eyes show as not much the gray more black -

B - this morning with out medicine -

Lizzie Price called a little while this Evening -

Sabbath February 8th 1857-

Another unpleasant Sabbath Morning
and it commenced raining soon after breakfast.
Uncle rested none. Last Night and did
not get to sleep till nearly noon today but
since he got to sleep has slept nicely - he seems
as comfortable as usual this Morning -

It was so unpleasant today that no one went
to Church from here - and I doubt if there were many
out today - I read awhile to Uncle after I got my
chamber work done up till he went to sleep - then
William, Leptie, and myself sang awhile and then
spent most of the remainder of the day in reading
we sang awhile again in the Evening - between
eight and nine I laid down and slept sometime
till Uncle was ready to have his linen changed
which he got through with nicely -

I heard yesterday that Abram Bourne was
sailing is not able to sit up all day -

The Evening closes in ^{cloudy} dark and rainy - the
snow has disappeared very rapidly today -

Monday February 9th 1867

Very dry

March 26th 1867

It is still cloudy and stormy, but not rain, as it has grown colder and it is now snowing quite fast and the wind blows fresh. Uncle rested none last night, and got no sleep this morning till about twelve o'clock. But has slept nicely since. He is about as usual. Father about home all day, busy about odd jobs picking over beans, apples &c. - William gone up to Perryville to get some blacksmithing done - did not get home till nearly night. John busy about the barn and cutting wood. Mother assisting in the kitchen, while Mary is washing. Lephie sewing and I have read to lunch since I got my morning work done up - and this afternoon I have not done much of anything, have taken a nap &c.

Lephie has gone in to Mrs C. M. Peices a few minutes this afternoon - it has cleared off and the sun is shining very pleasantly, but it is cooler. The wagons have begun to pass here today. After Lephie came from Mrs C. M. Peices I ran in a minute to let Lizzie know I would carry her down to the reading circle at Mr Nelsons. We did not start very early but got there before it commenced a full meeting. We brought home Amelia Blanding and Miss Harriet Barrows - we had a pleasant time.

Tuesday February 10th 1864

Monday March

Monday March

A clear cold morning, but very pleasant to see the Sun rise clear once more. Uncle rested none last night and did not get to sleep till about two o'clock in the afternoon but has slept very nicely since - he seems very comfortable for him today. Father started for the City about ten o'clock and Mary went in with him to make a visit. Mother busy in the kitchen, Lefbe helping her. I wrote a letter to Mr S. M. Justice Philadelphia Penn before father went started for the City and sent it by him to be officed - and before I got my Chamber work done up I heard bells and on looking out saw Mr and Mrs Plimpton driving into the yard they started in a sleigh but found horse sleighing after they got into the country and it took them a long time to come out. Lefbe as well as the rest were very glad to see them. William and John about home all day. William came in and we had a little sing in the afternoon. While Mother and Lefbe were preparing tea Mr & Mrs Plimpton called at Mrs C. McDill's a few minutes. Father returned from the City about sunset.

I paid Mary twelve dollars (\$12.00) before she started today which makes twenty four dollars (\$24.00) in all that I have paid her since she came here. Mr Hiram Brown called a few minutes to get some medicine for his sister Mary - he showed us his thumb it is a little one compared with the other. The eve closes in with a snow squall and high wind -

Wednesday February 14th 1867

Another cheer pleasant but cold morning
Uncle slept during last evening but rested
none after he retired between twelve and one
o'clock, and did not get to sleep today till after
noon but has slept finely this afternoon and evening
B - this morning without medicine -

Father about home all day - William gone to the
City with a load of wood will bring out Compost -
James is here today helping John clean up the Cots -
Mother and Sophie in the kitchen doing up the
work - I have been doing my chamber work and seeing
to Uncle - Mr & Mrs Plimpton started for the City
just after ten this morning - they did not go back in
the stage but took Uncle's carriage - We miss
Mary very much - Mother prepared dinner, and this
afternoon Sophie and Mother have ironed and got tea -
I have written a letter to Mrs L. C. Grey West Dummer
New Hampshire - Sophie took two Newspapers over
to Mrs E. W. Pierce that her husband sent out by
father yesterday - Mr Darius Martin has taken
his eldest son out to Mrs Lanes today, he is breaking
up housekeeping and scattering his family around
among his relatives - The wind has not blown as
hard today as it did last night - Samuel Case
called here today - William did not get home from
the City till between seven and eight o'clock this eve

Thursday February 12th 1857

Memo to father & Mary

Another clear pleasant morning but we include not sleep any after he went to bed, and did not get to sleep to say till afternoon but has slept finely since he took his dinner - is about as he usually is -

B Today without medicine -

Father at home this morning but this afternoon has gone up to Mr. George Robinsons - William went up to Mr. James Moultons this morning to draw some lumber for Franklin Gardner - and this afternoon has gone up to Mr. Peter Bowens - he took father as far as Mr. Robinsons - John busy about the lam and cutting wood - Mother busy preparing dinner and doing the work up after dinner - She went over to Mr. Hortons this afternoon to see Mrs. Peter Carpenter who is over there and very sick - Let her Lucy helping Mother and sewing on the jacket for herself - I read to her after I got my chamber work done up - and this afternoon I went up to see Mrs. Johnson, but she had gone to Pawtucket - I came back and made a call at Mrs. Wilmarths and then home - had a very pleasant walk home - I rode up with father and William C. M. Diney called a few minutes this afternoon - Mr. Nash killed one of his geese to day, I got hurt by the horse kicking it - William, Lethe and myself spent the evening at Mrs. Lucineus Allens - the evening, had a pleasant time - Looked some like a stormy day tomorrow -

Friday February 13th 1854-

A dull cloudy morning looks much like rain-

Uncle did not rest any after I left him last night, and did not get to sleep till after he took his dinner - but has slept finely this afternoon and evening - he seems much as he usually does - Father about home all day

William has gone to the City with a load of wood, and I reckon he will get a wetting as it has commenced to rain some - John busy about the Barn and cutting wood - Mother busy in the Kitchen preparing dinner and doing the work as Mary has not returned yet - Joseph assisting her and sewing - After I got my chamber work done I read to Uncle awhile and in the afternoon took a nap - Mr Horton gone in to the City to say after Julia - William got home about sunset not having had much rain - he brought a load of compact - Kitchared off a little while after dark and we went down to singing school only there was not any - Mr Horton, Julia, and Bessie were down so our ladies went into Major Goff and staid till the mail came in and then we came home - got a letter from A. C. Blanding to Lyons Iowa to Dr. William Blanding Patrick Mass and one from W. W. Blanding Capt. Patrick Mass from Col. Holland Plimpton Wardboro Vt - papers from Ottawas Ill &c -

Saturday February 14th 1854

Dear Mary
A dull foggy morning but it cleared
early and we have had a pleasant day -
Uncle about as usual got no sleep the
last part of the night and did not get
to sleep till about one o'clock this afternoon
but since then he has slept finely -

Father and William have gone to the City to-
day to meet Mr. Ruben Bowen on business - John
has gone in with the team after a load of Compost
for himself he took in what hoops William had
got out - Mother busy about the baking and
Lephe assisting her while I have been trying to do
my chamber work but did not get it done until
late in the afternoon - I assisted Mother some
as Lephe had a severe headache and had to
go onto the bed - Father and William returned
about four o'clock and Mary with them glad
enough to get home - I sent a letter to the Office
by them to Mrs. N. A. Kattinger Ottawa Ill. - I
also wrote one for William to Col. Holland Plimpton
Windsor Vt - John got home before dark -
We had an invitation to spend the evening at
Mr. Hortons and sing, and William and myself
went had a very pleasant time singing no one
else there - Lephe did not go on account of
her head - as we came home Dea Browns horse
and waggon stood at Mrs. E. M. Pierce's gate so
we concluded who was in the house -

Sabbath February 15th 1857 -

A dull foggy morning with the appearance of rain -

Uncle rested about as usual last night - He got to sleep about one o'clock this afternoon and slept nicely all the Evening - has had his linen changed this Evening got along nicely -

Mother

L. H. Blanding

W. W. Blanding

M. L. McHale at Church this afternoon no one went this morning - Father and myself at home with Uncle - it cleared off towards noon and it has been very pleasant this afternoon - Bro. Mr. Dwight preached again quite a good number out - Since dinner we have all been reading - got no letters today - this Evening I laid down and took a long nap - William spent the Evening at Mr. N. Pierce's - Albert Bower called to see Father a few minutes this Evening -

Monday February 16th 1857-

Another dull foggy Morning - still
it does not rain -

Uncle passed the night as usual and
to day got to sleep about his usual time.

and has slept nicely - he seems as comfortable

as usual - has had his feet bathed today -

Father about home all day - William has
gone up to Mr Ruben Bowers and from there
to Sawtucket with Mr Bowen on business -

John about home busy at the loom &c. - Mother
helping in the kitchen as Mary is busy washing
Joseph sewing &c. - I did my chamber work and

read to Uncle awhile - and this afternoon have taken
a nap and do not feel as tired as I did - Joseph
read awhile to Uncle this morning - Mr Cook Price

called this morning and renewed his note, and
paid up all the interest - Eben Lane has had
the team to draw a load of hoop poles -

It is getting very muddy travelling - William
did not return until nearly eight o'clock so
none of us attended the reading circle at
Mr Christopher B Landings this Evening - am
very sorry we could not go as we wished to very
much -

March 8th

Monday the 8th

Tuesday February 17th 1857-

It is still dull and foggy and looks very much like rain -

Uncle slept the first part of the night but slept none the last part - he got to sleep about two o'clock this afternoon and has slept finely since - he seems about as usual today -

B twice this morning without medicine -

Father has gone to the City today - William went to the post office and then up to Perryville after his grist he took there yesterday but could not get it this afternoon - he was about home this morning about home all day - Mother sewing and reading - Lephie busy sewing for herself and on my dress - Mary busy in the kitchen - I wrote a letter to Mrs. M. D. Hattinger Ottawa Ill this morning which William took to the office and he got a letter for my dear sister Juliet from the Memorial Society South Hadley Mass they not knowing she was not living - Lephie been over to Mrs. C. M. Pickers a few minutes - Mrs. Ann Malloy has called a little while this afternoon - hence today they did not have a very fine time at the reading Circle last evening - but very few present -

William, Lephie, and myself spent the evening at Mr. Daniel Wilmarth's - had a pleasant visit - Mrs. Wilmarth says the Misses Drowns will remain in Nahoboth if they can get a tenement and I hope they will -

Wednesday Feby 13th 1854-

From
Mersey Miss

Another dull foggy morning, and still
looks like we might get rain -
Uncle slept the first part of the night
but did not rest much the last part -
he got to sleep about two o'clock, and has slept
finely since - he seems as comfortable as usual -
William about home all day getting out hoops -
Father went down to the office this afternoon -
but did not get any letters - John busy about
the barn and cutting wood - Mr B. B. Horton helping
William this afternoon - Mother busy sewing has
made a bobbin tick for myself and we have emptied
the one that was worn out into it - Lephie sewing
for herself - I read to Uncle awhile and have
been doing odd jobs &c - Mary busy in the kitchen
she hung out her clothes today as the fog disappeared
and the sun came out - and they dried very nicely -
Just at tea time Mr Samuel Case Sen and wife
called and we made them stop for tea - E. B. Pierce
made us a short call this afternoon - we have an
invitation to attend a social party at Mr William
H. Ballou's - and so Lephie and I nearly dressed
before tea - the callers hindered us some -
I gave Uncle his supper and then finished
dressing - and a quarter before six we started - but
found bad travelling most of the way but part of the
way it was perfectly horrid - we got there before
any of the others did -

4th
Tuesday February 19th 1867

Another fall foggy morning but some cool
breeze much the same as usual - He slept
the first part of the night but not much the
last part - He did not get to sleep today as
soon as he has done generally - Father about
home all day - He has a corn in his little toe which
makes it very sore, - and this morning I looked at
it and found it had festered - so I opened it and
then made a salve and applied and it is relieved
very much - William getting out hoops today -
John about the farm and cutting wood - Mother
sewing, she has made a bolster tick for herself
and comforted the old one into it - Sophie busy
sewing for herself and making a collar for Willie
that I cut out - Mary busy ironing - I went into
Mrs C. M. Pierce's a few minutes to take a note for the
to take to George C. Carpenter - His sister Sarah gave
it to me last evening to send to him - Since doing
up my chamber work, I have read some to Uncle
as Bephe has to - This afternoon I have commenced
a letter to Mrs. A. A. Wadlinger - but did not get it
quite done - it rained some this morning and a
tin pedlar stopped here and put up - and has
not said anything about going since dinner
although it has not stormed any - and now
night closes in and he is still here - he is
a humorist and seems very pleasant - this
evening we have had a little sing and he sing
too quite a good singer -

Sunday February 20th 1867-

Another dull chilly Morning. I do hope we shall have pleasant weather before long. Uncle slept the first part of the night and some the last part and he seems about as comfortable as usual this Morning - did not get to sleep very early today -

B today without medicine -

Father about home all day he has not been out much today, has sat with Uncle a good deal. his toe is better today. - William finished getting out his hoops today, and doing them up - John busy about the barn and assisting William about doing up his hoops - Mother busy sewing - Lephie sewing - Mary busy in the kitchen and ironing and preparing for baking - I read to Uncle awhile after I got my chamberwork done and then finished some letters - one to Mrs. N. A. Katterjee Ottawa Ill - and one to A. O. Blanding, M.D. Lyons, Clinton County Iowa. The pedlar did not leave here till about ten o'clock this Morning - It was so cloudy this afternoon and evening that we almost decided not to go to the Singing School but William went over to see if Mr. Horton was going and if he thought there would be any singing school and as he thought there would be one we went down and we had a very fine sing a good many out. it commenced storming when we went down and when we came home it rained quite hard, and as we had no umbrella we got some wet -

Saturday February 2^d 1854.

It was some cloudy this morning but it cleared away and we have a prospect of a pleasant day tomorrow.

Uncle much the same as usual, he slept the first part of the night and some of the last part - he got to sleep earlier this afternoon than he has done. Father about home all day - also William and John - John Hunt came in to see father awhile this morning - Mother busy at the Laking after she had swept her rooms and Cephe assisting her - also Mary who is busy with the other work - I cleaned Uncle's room and swept the chambers and got all done before dinner - Spent the afternoon in making a pair of sleeves for my dress was in hopes of getting it done to day but Cephe does not feel well this eve and so does not work on my dress - after I got the sleeves done I had some mending to do which made it very late before I got ready to retire.

William gone over to Mrs Lucinda Allen's this evening on business - got a letter from the office last evening from Mrs. J. C. Gray West Boscawon N. H. to L. H. B. Landing Putnam Mass - Lizzie Prince made us a short call this evening - it has cleared of any pleasant and quite mild -

Sabbath February 2^d 1857-

From
Mercury this

A clear, pleasant, Morning, which is something uncommon for a Sabbath Morning we have had so many unpleasant ones since New Years - Uncle slept quite well last night and is as comfortable as usual this Morning -

Mother

J. M. Blanding

W. W. Blanding

Mr. S. M. May at Church

all day - Father and Septie at home with lunch. Bro. Mc Dought preached for us again - quite a good number out and we had good preaching but his manner is not as pleasing as some - a prayer meeting is appointed for this Evening - none of us attended - George Carpenter made us a short call as he was on his way to Mr. Hunt - after he left we sung awhile - Uncle was shaver and had his linen changed this Evening he stood very well -

Monday February 23rd 1854.

Monday this
morning

A clear, pleasant, and mild Morning -
Uncle rested very nicely last night slept
more than he has done in a long time in
the night - he seems as comfortable as usual
this Morning - Father started for the City
between nine and ten this Morning, - William
went up to Mr Noah Bliss's to say he was not
gone long - John busy about the farm &c. this
afternoon he had the oxen to go after a load
of wood for himself Mother assisting in the
kitchen this forenoon - Leephie sewing and
reading to Uncle - Mary busy at the wash tub
I wrote a letter this Morning to Mr D M Justice
Philadelphia Penn - and a note to Mrs E B Plimpton
and sent them by father - took a nap this eve-
ning and then read awhile to Uncle -
Father returned from the City just before
dark - Albert Plimpton came out with him to
spend his vacation - he also brought out letters
from Mrs N A Vottinger Ottawa Ill - A B B Landing
W D Lyons Iowa - Mrs M W Weedon Providence R I
and Miss S E Murray Norton Mass - quite a mail
 sister Elizabeth sent them out - William, Leephie
and myself attended the reading circle this eve-
ning over took Amelia B Landing and Miss Barrows
and took them up and carried them the rest of the way
and brought them back - Miss B - is quite pleasant I
should say - had quite an interesting meeting - and
was appointed for one of the Essays for next week much
against my will -

Tuesday February 24th 1857-

Another pleasant and mild morning
Unch. restic finely last night and seems
as comfortable as usual today -

B - This morning without medicine -

Father about home. all day or did not go farther
than Mr W. Hunt's of an errand - William went
up to Mr Noah Bliss this morning and what
went with him - John at work for himself today
so we have no extra man today - Father busy
living and reading to lunch this afternoon - Sophie
reading to Uncle a good deal this morning and
this afternoon with myself went over and spent the
afternoon with the Misses Drown - William carried
us over and we rode back - Sophie stopped at
Mr Christopher Blandings and I came home and
gave Uncle his supper and then with William
Returned to Mr Blandings and spent the evening
Had very pleasant visits at Misses Drown and at
Mr Blandings - found Miss Barrows a much pleas-
anter lady than I expected - I wrote a letter this
morning to Miss Mary A. Munson Mt Holyoke
Female Seminary South Hadley. Mass - also one to
Mrs C. B. Plimpton Providence R. I. - Father took
them to the office which I had forgotten - Mary
then called a few minutes just at dark - Heard
this afternoon by Miss Drown that Noah Bliss wife
had a little daughter - it is very pleasing -
The robins and blue birds were merry enough
this morning for the first time this year that
we have seen -

March 28th
Remains this

Wednesday February 28th 1857 -

A clear, pleasant morning and more
mild than any day before. Mercury at noon
at 66°. The roads drying very fast it did not
freeze any last night.

Uncle slept very nicely last night and seems
very comfortable today. Father started for
Taunton soon after breakfast and he took William
along part way to the woods where he has gone to
cut some hoop poles. John took the team up to
him after he got the chores done and Albert went
with him. They did not get home till after we
had been to dinner. Mother busy sewing, she does
not feel very well today. Sophie read to Uncle
this morning and this afternoon has finished my
dress. After I got my morning work done I went
over to Mrs. Allen's to take a letter to Mr. Lee that
William got at the office Monday Evening - and
this afternoon have read to her etc, took a little
nap, and have done some writing.

Mr. Robert M. Pearce called this afternoon and
renewed his note that Uncle has against him
now it is \$129.25 - principal and interest. Father
returned early from Taunton and brought from
the office a letter to Dr. William B. Lanning, Rahoboth
Mass from A. O. B. Lanning, R. D. Lyons Clinton
County Iowa - also one from E. L. Plimpton Woodbury
Vt. to S. M. B. Lanning, Rahoboth Mass. William has been
to the Village this afternoon to meet the supplying Com.
George Coe, Carpenter and Jane. Spent the Evening
with us - had a very pleasant Evening. Mr. D. Pearce
arrived home this morning. George perfumed today.

Mercury 44°

Thursday February 26th 1857

A clear pleasant morning some cooler than yesterday - had quite a young snow storm this morning but it did not last long. Uncle rested finely last night and seems as well as usual today -

B - today without medicine -

Father about home all day - William getting out hoops this morning and is now gone to Dea Smiths bendue - John busy about the barn this morning and since dinner has taken a load of Com up to the other farm and brought a load of wood from Mr Nathan Carpenter - Albert did not go with him - Mother busy sewing - Lephie has commenced fathers rest today - this afternoon has gone over to Mrs C. M. Preece - Mary busy in the kitchen - after I got my work done up I read to Uncle and since dinner I have read to him and taken a nap - Lizzie Preece called in a few minutes this morning - William returned a little while before night and has taken the wagon and open down to Eben Lanes to take a load of hoops to take to the City tomorrow - after tea William Lephie and Al went down to the Miss Drowns and spent the evening - they sent word to William this morning that they wished to see him this evening - we brought home Abram Reg and he is with both very pretty and nice - they have no place as yet engaged to go to -

Monday 9th

Monday 9th

Friday February 27th 1857

Another clear pleasant morning but much cooler - we feel the change very much it has been so warm the most of the month.

Uncle rested very nicely last night and seems as comfortable as usual today - Father went to Mill up at Leekowk this morning, will not return till afternoon - He overtook Miss Mary Pease and asked her to ride which she said she is on her way from Boston to her home to be present at the Concert which is to be given this Evening - William was up about four o'clock this morning and started for the City some after six o'clock - Eben went in with him & he is to bring out a load of goods for Mr Darius Martin he is to take them up the Leekowk house - John about home in the morning and about eleven a man came out from the City to look at the other farm in reference to hiring it and John went up with him to look at it he got back in season to go to the post office to take some letters I have been writing - one to Mrs. N. A. Statterger Ottawa Ill and one to Mrs. S. C. Grey West Rossow N. H. - Mother busy sewing and has read some to Uncle as also Leephie has and is busy sewing on Uncle's fathers coat - Mary busy in the kitchen - William did not return till about five and did not get back from Leekowk till between eight and nine this Eve - We had no singing school this Evening, as Major Goff had it put off till please himself - William said a good many can and he reckoned they did not like it much - looks some like a storm - wind has blown hard today

Saturday February 28th 1857-

Mary
Mary
A dull stormy morning - commenced
snowing not far from two o'clock this morn
Pindekater very finely last night and
seems much as he usually does this morning
B - this afternoon with out medicine -
Father off to the City this morning, he takes in
Mrs Lane, Mrs Allen, and a lot - quite a load
William and John getting in hay - John had the
team this afternoon to work for himself - Mother
assisting about the baking and this afternoon sewing
Leopold assisting about the baking - Mary busy in
the kitchen - I swept linen room and did the
rest of my chamber work, and this afternoon have
read to Uncle and take a nap in my chair
Father returned about five and the young
man that is going to work for Willie with his
Lissie Pierce came in just at the time and
brought the mail - two letters for J. M. B. Lane,
one from Mrs M. W. Fanner Camden Miss the
other from Mrs L. C. Grey West-Port Camden N. H.
containing a collar she had been making for me
Lissie says there was not a great many up to
the concert ~~for~~ ⁱⁿ Lee Hook from Puttshot last
Evening - it was quite good - nothing extra I
reckon - the snow storm did not last long
but soon broke away and we have had a fine
day only the wind has blown quite hard.

March 1857

Sabbath 1st

Mercury this
morning

The morning was some cloudy, but
not indicating a storm before night.
Uncle rested very finely last night except
ing one or two attacks of indigestion and seems
very comfortable this morning.

B This morning without medicine—

Mother

L. H. Blanding

S. M. Blanding

W. W. Blanding

L. W. Brigham at Church to
day. Father and Mary, Isaac at home with
Uncle. — had quite a good congregation out
today and Geo. M. Dwight preached his fore-
well today and administered the Sacrament.
He gave us two excellent discourses and was very
interesting at the Communion table. — the
singing was miserable enough — this Evening
William, Lepta and Mary went to meeting at
the school house on the hill, Mr. J. J. Price
preached — Isaac not go on account of having taken
cold and it's settling in my throat and I was
fearful I might take cold and making it
worse. — Charles did not go — after taking dinner
we being unable, before they went to meeting —
it commenced snowing before they returned from
meeting —

Monday March 2nd 1854-

A cloudy dull morning with a little snow flying - but soon after light it began to snow faster and thicker and the wind blew very hard & so we have had a very stormy day -

Uncle rested quite well last night he had the nightmare one or twice during the night instead of the bright sleep as I wrote in yesterday's diary - he seems quite comfortable to day -

Father about home all day - William gone to Town Meeting gone the most of the day - John and Charles busy about the farm and cutting wood Mother assisting in the kitchen - Leaphie helped and after I got my chamber work done, Leaphie and myself commenced getting out some straw for preparing to binding up some bonnets - Mary busy at the wash tub - I read a while to Uncle and a while reading to him, heard a carriage drive in and on looking out saw Mr Plimpton coming into the yard - Sister Elisabeth came out with him they thought they could come out in the carriage and return in the sleigh but the wind blew the snow into drifts so much there was very little left in the road and as the storm continued since they spent the day and remained with us all night at William's return about four o'clock for the town meeting, they did most of the business for all it was so stormy - my throat feels quite uncomfortable Sunday a little while this evening - Charles has a fine voice - Charles & John helped father pick over some beans today -

Tuesday March 3rd 1857-

A clear cold morning with some wind
Uncle rested very well last night and
seems very comfortable today -

B this morning without medicine -

Father started for the City between ten and
eleven this morn and Mr and Mrs Plimpton
went with him. Mr Plimpton lead his horse
and our people will carry in his sleigh some
time when they are going in - William about
home this morning and this afternoon he took
Leophe and myself over to Capt Crooster's
to spend the afternoon and evening - when William
got home he went up to Perryville on business
and came over to Capt Crooster's and spent
the evening - we had a very pleasant visit -
Brother spent the morning in sewing and the
afternoon has taken care of Uncle and read to
him and after father returned he sat with him
Mary hung out her clothes this morning -
John and Charles busy about the barn and
shed - Leophe put out straw a whetting the
morning - it seems like very nice straw -
Mary Allen called a few minutes this evening
we did not see her - the wind has subsided
and we have a very still quiet evening - Father
received fifty dollars (\$50.00) more on Josiah's
note today for Uncle -

Mary Allen
March 6th 1857

Wednesday March 4th 1864-

A clear pleasant morning and some warmer than yesterday-

Uncle rested quite well last night and seems about as usual today, rather more nervous than usual-

Father about home all the morning and this afternoon has been down to Mr Charles

H. Reynolds to collect a bill but he was not at home and so did not get anything-

William has been getting out hoops and Charles has helped him since he got the chores done - John has gone to the City with a load of straw will bring out a load of Compost - Mother busy sewing and has read a little white to Uncle this afternoon

while I was gone to the post office to take a letter to the office that I wrote this forenoon for William to Rev. Charles Luther Rochester New Hampshire - also took one that Charles wrote last evening to his home in Vermont -

Leophe machined some straw this morning and commenced binding a little but since her head has ached so badly that she has been on the bed most of the day - but has just got up with her head well - I got a letter from Mrs. N. A. Nattering Ottawa Ill to Dr William Poland, Portland Meas - Mary busy in the kitchen - Mrs. L. H. Poland came home today - she is better - Mr Buchanan is made President to day and Pierce is an Exp -

From post office

Thursday. March 5th 1864

Another pleasant morning -

Uncle rested finely last night and is
as comfortable as usual today -

B This afternoon without medicine -

Father about home all day, doing odd jobs &c

William getting out hoops after doing up the chow
at the barn &c - John and Charles gone to the City

with a load of hay - Charles went to learn the
way they bring out Locomotives - Mother busy
sewing and has read awhile to Uncle this after-

noon - Sophie braided a white and then went
down and made some doughnuts and cleaned

the Lamps &c and this afternoon has been into
Mrs C. M. Pines who is not very well - Lissie

had gone to Norton today with De Forrest Brown
and Amanda Maria Horton - She came round

by Mr Enock Goff where the reading circle is
and stopped to it - I read awhile to Uncle after

I got my work done up and have taken a nap
this afternoon - Mary busy in the kitchen -

William and myself attended the reading circle
this evening but few present, not a very interesting

one - I did not read my Essay - We called Mr Bicknell
up from the village and brought him back again -

Edward Bowen came down after Sophie this afternoon
but her throat was so sore she did not venture to go
out - it has clouded up and is so damp - it commenced
snowing while we were coming home -

March 14th
Friday

Friday March 8th 1854-

A dull rainy morning, it snowed a considerable in the night, but turned to rain, and the snow is fast disappearing - Uncle rested very well last night and is about as usual this morning -

Father about home again all day - William this morning but this afternoon has gone to the office and to Mr Josephus Smiths after some things that he bought at his bandue - John and Charles busy about the barn and shed this morning and this afternoon - have gone to the other farm with a load of Compost and will bring home a load of wood from the pastures - Mother busy sewing and has read some to Uncle this afternoon - Lephie trading - and has taken a nap this afternoon her throat is better today - I wrote a letter to Mrs L. C. Avery, West Boscawon N.H. this morning and after reading a while to Uncle have writte one to Mrs. N. A. Patteringe Ottawa Ill - to take to the office this Evening - I sent Susan to the office by William, who brought one for A. D. Blanding - M. D. Lyons, Iowa to Dr William Blanding Sakoboth Mass also a paper from Dr Shubael we shall look for brother Abram tomorrow - Mary and all our young people went to the singing school this Evening had a very fine one - Mr Pierce came out and attended - it closed off and this afternoon and Evening has grown cold very fast

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January 1857
Saturday March 7th 1857-

A clear, cold, and windy morning -
Uncle rested very nicely last night and
has slept some today - he seems about as
usual - Father about home this morning but
this afternoon has gone to attend the Society's
meeting at the vestry - William gone to the City
after grain - returned about half past three -
John has gone in with a load of wood, will bring
out Compost to Charles doing the chores at the
barn and cutting wood - Mother busy about the
faking and I of assisting her - and this after-
noon Mother reading and I of reading while
to lunch and has commenced braiding some -
Mary busy in the kitchen - I have cleaned
benches room and swept the other chambers
and since dinner have taken a nap -
About eleven o'clock who should arrive in but
Mr Plimpton and brother Abram, we were glad
enough to see him - he is well and left Ellen so -
Mr Plimpton stopped to dinner and then left
for home - Abram started out to make some
calls this afternoon when father started for the
meeting - and has not returned yet -

Sabbath March 8th 1857-

Mrs. Murray
Wm. B.
A clear, pleasant morning and
less wind than yesterday -
Uncle rested very well last night and
seems much as usual today -
B - Today without medicine -

L. H. Blanding

S. M. Blanding

A. O. Blanding

W. W. Blanding

M. P. McKay at Church
today - Father, Mother, and Charles at
home all day - The Rev. Mr. Doe from Providence
preached for us today, and was very much
liked - he did not stay to the third service
but returned to the City immediately -

Mrs. Murray made us a call after meeting and
when she went back, A. O. B., W. W. B., L. H. B., and
S. M. Blanding walked over with her and we
made a short call at Mr. N. Peires - Lizzie
had gone down to meeting - Charles was out this
Evening till after we got home - Uncle had the
lines changed this Evening and got through
it very well -

Monday March 9th 1857-

- Another clear cold morning -

Uncle rested very well the last part of the night and has slept a good deal this

morning - he seems much as usual today

Father about home all the morning and this afternoon has taken Dr. A. C. Blanding into the City so he can take the early train of cars for New Hampshire tomorrow morning -

William getting out hoops and doing odd jobs - John went up to the other farm with a load of

compost this morning, and since he got back

John and Charles have been getting in oats to thresh, and doing the work about the barn -

Mr B. B. Horton has had the oxen today to go

after a load of walnut bolls - Mother busy in

the kitchen preparing dinner, while Mary is

busy at the wash tub - Leaph. braided this

morning - I was late in getting my chamber

work done up this morning I had so much

to do with brother - I am, who has been

out to Mrs. Allen to see Mrs. Lee this morning

Mrs. Murray came and sat with us awhile

this morning but left before dinner as her sister

would be expecting her - Mrs. Widow Johnson made

us a call this afternoon and I paid her what was

due her - she leaves this week for Pawtucket where

she is going to live at Mrs. Starkweather's - she took

my collar and undersleeves to wash for me - it has clouded

up and is now snowing fast - no going to the reading circle

to night

Tuesday March 18th 1857

A clear, cold morning after the snow storm last night but very windy - it looks this morning as if winter had come back again - though snow fell to make quite good sleighing, if the days were a little shorter - the sun is up most too high to last long - Uncle sat out very well the last part of the night & has slept most of the morning - he seems about as usual - Father about home all day - William went up to Perryville and got the horse shoe - John and Charles busy about the barn and out building today - Mother sewing and reading to Uncle as usual - Sister Lephie they read a good deal to Uncle today - Mary busy in the kitchen - after I got my chamber work done I dressed myself and went out in the carriage and got Mrs Murray and started for the City - the winter blew very hard but we got in very nicely - not so very cold - we took dinner ^{at Mr Plimpton's} and then went down street and did some shopping and bid Elizabeth "good bye" and then went up and made Cousin Maria a call, and Mrs Murray bid the "good bye" and we started for home which we reached before sunset - after we took tea - William Lephie and myself with Mary Allen went up to Mr Cases and spent the evening - did not get back till nearly ~~dark~~ ^{dark} - I borrowed fifteen dollars from Uncle today, and let William have five of it this evening - the winter has gone down and it is a very pleasant evening - had a very pleasant time at Mr Cases -

From W. C. Case

Wednesday March 11th 1867

Another clear cold morning and less windy than yesterday morning.

Uncle rested nicely after twelve o'clock. Last night he has slept all the morning and seems about as usual today.

Father has gone to Taunton today. Mr. Albert Poff carried him over and back. William took father down to Mr Poff and then went as far as the post office where he got letters for W. W. Blanding, T. H. Mass from Rev L. Luther Rochester N. H. and one for S. M. Blanding T. H. Mass from Mrs. F. M. Mc Murtry Camden Miss. Besides papers from Ottawa &c. after he came back he went up to Mr Timothy Fuller Candor. He got home towards night. John gone to the City after Compost, he took in Mr. Simpkins sleigh. Charles thrashing. Mother busy sewing, also Lefke. Mary busy in the kitchen ironing &c. I went into Mrs. C. M. Pierce a few minutes of an errand this morning and then came home and did my chamber work and then did some writing &c. This afternoon I have sewed some. Mrs Murray came in this afternoon and sat with us and took tea and spent the evening we had a very pleasant visit from her. We expected Mrs. E. M. Pierce in this evening but she did not come. Father returned just at tea time. It has clouded up and father thinks we shall have falling weather soon.

Heavy this
more so below

Thursday March 12th 1857-

A clear, cool, still, morning after the snow storm of last night, and every thing looks beautifully so laden with snow - it came very still -

Uncle sat nice, after one o'clock and has slept all the morning very quietly - he seems as comfortable as usual Father about home all day, has been getting

his pumpkin seeds out and also some squash seeds too - William has gone to Saunton today Eben Lane has gone with him - he went in the waggon although a sleigh would have gone nicely - John went up to the other farm with the Compost - Charles thrashing - John has been over to Mrs. Allens getting up some wood this afternoon - Mother busy sewing - Lephe braiding Mary busy in the kitchen - Mrs. Murray spent the night with us and rode home this morning with William when he started for Saunton. I did not feel very well this morning and after breakfast I laid down and took a nap and then did my chamberwork, watered my plants, &c. and have run the heels to my stockings - and have read awhile to Uncle - Mr Josephus Smith called to see father this afternoon - Lephe took a nap this afternoon - William returned about four o'clock - Eben Lane has a horse and sleigh here to go to the fair at the Town House this Evening

From Mother's Journal

Friday March 23rd 1857—

Another clear cold morning and a less windy than yesterday—

Uncle rested very well the last part of the night and has slept most of the morning. He seems as comfortable as usual. Father is about home all day attending to his seeds &c. William started about nine o'clock for the City. Mrs Murray went with him as far as Mr. P. M. Peasces where she has gone to pass the day. John gone to the City after Compost. He did not carry any load in. Mr Charles has decided to start for home tomorrow. He is cutting wood today and doing the chores about the barn. Mother is sewing for Nancy on some work I cut out this morning. Lephie is braiding, she has twenty five yards done. Mary busy in the kitchen. While I sewed a little this morning while Uncle slept. and this afternoon I have read to him awhile, and taken a nap and have written a letter to Mrs. N. A. Stalling. Ottawa Ill. William did not return until about five o'clock. Mrs Murray returned with him. Mr Charles is packing this evening and does not go to the singing school. William, Lephie, and myself went down and carried Lissie Pierce part way and brought her back. Lephie went home with Edward Bowen and his sister. we had a fine sing. — it has clouded up and looks like a storm again. — I sent a letter to A. Q. St. Lande N. B. today by William

Mary 10th Dec

Mercury 11th Dec

Saturday. March 14th 1854.

Dear

Mary

A dull stormy morning, with no wind
Uncle rested none till nearly morning but
has slept almost all the morning he seems
about as usual.

Father about home this morning but this afternoon
has gone down to Mr Josephus Smith to write some
deeds &c. William was intending to have gone down
to Mr Grossenors today and spent the Sabbath
with them, but on rising this morning, he felt very
unwell and therefore has postponed his visit till
some other time. We were up early this morning
so as to get them to the Larn in season, but only
Charles went, Father took him up to the depot
John cutting wood and doing the chores about the
farm &c. Mother assisting about the baking after
she got her sweeping done. Mary busy in the kitchen
I have been sweeping the chambers and doing my
Saturday work - got all done about eleven o'clock.
Edward Pierce came over and got Jonny and the
sleigh to take Mrs Murray to. Norton today -
she came over here and bid us "good bye" before she
started. I wrote Mrs Mary Ann H. Walker Boston
mass to send to the office by father - it was a business
letter for brother William. It snowed till nearly
noon and then cleared off and we have a very
pleasant afternoon much warmer than it has been.
We got letters from J. G. Nattering to W. W. Blanding Dr J.
Blandings wife to Dr W. Blanding and from Mrs L. C. Aug
to L. H. Blanding - Last Evening.

Sabbath March 15th 1857-

Heavy this
Morning

A clear, pleasant and quite warm Morning
Uncle, started none till towards Morning,
but since he took his breakfast he's slept
finely - he seems about as usual to day -

Mother

W. W. Blanding

all day - Mr. L. Mc Gray at Church
Father and myself staid with
Uncle - Rev. Mr. Doe preached for us again - he
was liked very much - there was a third ser-
vice and William, Mary, and Mary Ellen and
myself attended there was a good many out
and the services were very interesting - Lephie
came to Church with the Bowens family and
went home with Cousin William. Bill & Co they
were up to the third service - they are going
to try to procure Mr. Doe's services for the present
It has been so warm today that the snow has
disappeared very rapidly - and the travelling is
getting quite messy -

Uncle has had his linen changed and he stoos
it very well, he retired about eleven o'clock - we
got no letters to day from any one, excepting for
L. H. Blanding - it has clouded up and looks like
a storm -

Monday March 16th 1854-

Memorandum
Mar. 88.
The Morning dull and cloudy
Looks like we might have a storm soon
Uncle did not rest any till after one
o'clock, but since he took his breakfast
has slept most of the Morning, he seems
much as usual to day - rather more nervous
Father about home all the Morning, helping
William about the chowse a John has not
returned yet - Mother assisting in the Kitchen
this Morning while Mary is busy at the wash tub
I did a little sewing for myself before I did my
chamber work and, after I got all done sewed
a little white till dinner was ready - after dinner
I wrote for father some time, wrote a letter and
a letter of Attorney for Mr J. B. Smith, and
father has taken it down to Mrs Moultons to
Mr Smith but he had not got home from the
City and as it was getting dark father concluded
not to stay till he got home but left the business
with some one there. Messrs. Smith and Allen
start tomorrow for the west. Mrs. Allen and
Mary had a horse and carriage to go to see Mr
Allen's Mother who is sick - Mr. Plommon Peck
has been here to see father on business this afternoon
father is to do some surveying for him Wednesday
Leonard Brown called at the door this
afternoon he wants William to take his sister
goods to the depot on Friday next they are
going to Fishersville to live. I am very sorry -
There is no reading Circle this Evening on account of the
travelling.

Tuesday March 17th 1857

A clear, pleasant morning, with a westerly wind.

Uncle did not get to sleep last night until after three o'clock, but since he took his breakfast has slept finely till dinner time and has had a nap since dinner. He seems much as usual today, not as nervous as yesterday I think. Father assisted William about the chores this morning, and then started for Mill at Peckham. But he did not wait for his quilt as he could not have it under several hours. And William started for the other farm with a load of compost. They both returned in season for dinner. Mother busy sewing. Mary put out her clothes the first thing after breakfast and is busy in the kitchen. After I got my Chamberbark done up I have been sewing since Uncle awoke. I have been reading to him, and have finished S G Goodrich's book. Do some expect Lephe home tonight. William has gone this afternoon up to Perryville after his new wheels to his or wagon. John has not got home yet.

William returned a little while before sunset but without his wheels as they were not done. Mr French sent word to him by two persons but he had not got the word. He brought home a small load of wood. Samuel Case here for the night. William did not get his chores done till very late.

Wednesday March 18th 1867.

Mem 850

Monday this

A dull, cloudy morning, looks like rain. Uncle did not get to sleep till about five o'clock, but has slept all the morning very nicely - he seems as comfortable as usual. Father has gone to do some surveying for Mr Solomon Peck today - William has gone to work for Mr Christopher Blanding, this forenoon and Mother rode along with him, on her way to call on the Miss Browns, and at Mr Blanding she found them busy preparing to move - and found Mrs Blanding better, but not so as to do much as yet - John made his appearance this morning, he has not let himself as yet - he is busy about the farm and cutting wood - Mother did not get back till just at dinner time - and she has been reading and sewing this afternoon. After I got my chamberwork done this morning I sewed till dinner time and a little since - and have read some to Uncle in the Magazine. Mary busy scrubbing this morning and this afternoon - has been ironing - Anna Pierce made us a very short call this afternoon - she brought one paper that they brought from the office last night - No one has gone down to prayer meeting this evening -
B - twice today without medicine -

Thursday March 19th 1857

Another dull rainy morning, prospect
of a rainy day - it rained quite hard in
the night and the wind blew quite hard.
Uncle rested none till nearly day light
but has slept all the morning and part of the
afternoon - he seems as comfortable as usual today.
Father about home all day, busy writing and
plotting and assisting William some about
the Cots - William and John winnowing up Cots
and getting them put up this afternoon -
William went down the post office today noon
to take a letter I wrote for Father to Bassett's
Lead Attorneys at Law Taunton Mass - Mother
sewing and reading some - Sephe returned
from Cousin William H. Bullock's this morning
in the rain - Sarah Carpenter closes her school
today has an Examination I believe - I have been
sewing since I got my chair work done - and
have read to Uncle some - I have not read much
as I have written a letter to Mrs Mary W. Fernald
Camden Miss - Mary busy in the kitchen
while we were taking tea who should walk in
brother Abram - He had got there all the way
from Mr. Plimpton's - it is very bad walking and
riding - we had quite a thunder shower while
we were taking dinner today - we had a little
snow squall today -

March 19th

Friday, March 20th 1858-

It has cleared off and we have a delightful morning, a little cooler than yesterday. Uncle rested more till about eight, but he has slept nicely the most of the day - he seems much as usual. - Father about home all day, doing odd jobs - William about home all day, getting out hoops &c. - John doing chores at the farm, &c. &c. - Abram sitting with Uncle part of the time, and down stairs he has written to Ellen this afternoon. - Mother busy sewing, and reading - Lephie talking and laughing - I have done my chamber work and various other jobs. - Brought out the plants from the cellar, I think there is none of them dead - I have not written my weekly letter to Mrs. Tattinger Ottawa Ill or Mrs L. C. Gray as I intended to have done as I have had so much talking to. - Abram today. - Anna called a few minutes this afternoon. - Mary busy preparing for Saturday work.

William, Abram, Lephie and myself have attended the singing school this evening - and Abram had the help sing a quartette he did very nicely. - The travelling to the village is quite good and we have a full school - or a good many spectators - we have had a little snow storm today.

March 20th

Friday

Saturday, March 31st 1857-

The Morning had some clouds which have not entirely dispersed, but at times looked very much like rain.

Uncle did not sleep any last night, and did not get to sleep till after six this morning but he has slept most of the day, and has seemed quite comfortable all day. Father started for the City about ten o'clock with Dolly and the waggon and William has gone in with the team and taken in a load of the Misses Drowns goods to the depot to be sent to Fishersville, where they go to live. He intends bringing out a load of Cornsack if the travelling is fair. Abram went down to Mr Mc Cormicks this forenoon and has gone up to Mr Payson Bowens this afternoon. John busy about the barn and cutting wood. Mother did her sweeping, then attended to the baking and then set down to read and sew some. Sophie assisting about the baking. and this afternoon has gone over to Mrs C. M. Nices, to do some work for them. I did my sweeping and in the mean time wrote a letter to Mr J. W. Garner. Philadelphia Penn also a note to Mrs C. B. Lupton. - after I got my work done and dressed I went over to Mrs. Allen and called and was very much amused to hear Ezra Gullus wife and Mary talk. - Mrs. Allen and Mary came over this Evening to see Abams new quilt and a rug - both very handsome -

Sabbath, March 23rd 1857

Monday this
March 23rd

A bright clear morning, with little
wind, and the birds are heard again.
Uncle slept none at all. Last night,
but since he took his breakfast he
has slept finely nearly all day - he seems
much as usual.

Mother
L. H. Blanding
S. M. Blanding
W. W. Blanding

A. V. Blanding at Church
all day - Father and Mary at home with
Uncle - We had a new Minister today the
Rev. Mr. Stewart, who keeps a bookstore in
Providence, he is a Baptist clergyman - he
preached very well, but I did not like him
as well as Mr. Doe - there was quite a
good number out to Church - At noon the
Sabbath School chose a Supersintendent
to take the place vacated by Mr. Smith,
and Mr. W. H. Butcher received fifty votes
out of seventy but he declined being elected
and the time was so far gone that we had to
adjourn until next Sabbath, to elect another.
How wonder Sophie and myself sat in the choir
in the afternoon - We did not attend the third
service as brother Brigham was to leave tomorrow
so spent the eve at home in conversation &c.
William M. Brigham called at Mr. Wilmoth & Mrs. Allen's
with a letter from

Monday March 33^d 1867.

Mercury this
Morn 18°
We have another bright clear
Morning but some cooler yet very pleasant
Uncle slept none last night, but since
he took his breakfast has slept finely about
all day. He seems much as usual. Father about
home all the Morning and this afternoon has gone
in to take brother Abram to sister Elisabeth's
to spend the night and tomorrow starts for the
West. William gone to Perryville to get his baggage
wheels and to see about hiring a man to work for
him. Abram went down to the Village this
Morning, and since dinner has packed and has
now gone to the City. The "Good Bye" is said
and he is off. John gone to the City to see about
getting a place to work. Mother assisting in
the kitchen. Mary washing. Leophe has been
cooking a little this Morning, so Abram can
have something to take along with him. I don't
not feel very well this Morning and have not
done much since I got my chamber work done.
Since Abram has gone I have sewed a little and
Leophe has been writing some. William and John
have been home but a short time. It has clouded
up and looks like rain. The Praying Circle meet
at Mr Goff's this Evening but we shall
not attend. The Committee to supply the
pulpit meets this Evening.

Tuesday March 24th 1864

Moore
Worship this
The morning is dull and cloudy and looks very much like rain - Uncle slept none last night but since he took his breakfast he has slept finely till nearly night - Father started for Taunton about nine o'clock - William gone up to Thorney Butte after a load of wood - Mr. Lewin went with him to help him - he got back just after he had taken dinner - Mother busy sewing - Lephie has been assailing me since I got my morning work done to get in a quilt to quilt for sister Nancy - it went in very good and we got ready to go to quilting - fifteen minutes before twelve - after twelve we quilted as fast as we could till fifteen minutes of four when we dropped our needles & dressed as soon as possible and walked down to Dea Browns to the Missionary meeting which was to meet at five o'clock - found very few there and very few came till evening when there was quite a good number present - William came down after us with the horse and waggon - the evening very dark and cloudy - got at the office one letter for James Blanding Esq. Bathsb. Mass from Mrs. H. A. Stettinger Ottawa Ill -

Wednesday. March 25th 1867

A bright clear morning the clouds
having all passed away.

Uncle rested home last night and did
not get to sleep this morning till about
eight o'clock since which time he has slept
nicely nearly the remainder of the day
B without medicine today.

Father gone to the City with a load of wood
William would have gone with the wood but
he had to do up the chores before he could leave
and it would make him so late home if he waited
the team for him so father started with it after
William got the chores done he started with
Dolly and the waggon and went into the City
and out to the Asylum for the Insane to see
a man that wished to be hired - he saw him
and hired him he is a Scotchman - he then came
in to the City and took the team as soon as
father got them and father took the horse & waggon
I went in with William to do a little shopping, he
left me at Hope street and I walked on to Mr
Hamptons - we did not go out shopping till after
dinner - I borrowed five dollars of Uncle today -
Sophie has had the sick headache today - Mother
sewing - Mary busy in the kitchen -
Eben Lane got out some apples and did them up
for William this morning - Mr Lewin helped his
father and myself get home before night.

Thursday March 26th 1867-

A clear pleasant Morning, -

Uncle did not get any rest last night but since he took his breakfast has slept finely most of the day - he seem as comfortable as usual -

B - this Morning without Medicine - Father about home all day, doing the chores about the farm &c - William gone to the City with a load of hoops, will bring out a load of Locomot - Mother busy sewing - Leep he quilting - and after I got my chamberwork done up I have been quilting - Mary busy in the Kitchen - Mr Plimpton and his wife came out this Morning to help us quilt - and spent the day and night - William returned about sunset - Eben Lane came up to see William this Evening, and he helped Mr Plimpton, Leep he and Elizabeth cut up the hay to feed the cattle with - Ellen Bower came up to spend the Night with us - we got the quilt out and Elizabeth has cut and fitted the lining to a muslin dress for Nancy - we expect her husband here next week - The Frogs are very merry this Evening -

Friday March 2nd 1857-

Another bright clear morning-

Uncle did not rest any last night and did not get to sleep till about eight o'clock this morning, but has slept finely since, till about night. The sheep finally seems about as usual. Father about home during the morn and this afternoon. has been up to Perryville with grain, and taken a wheel up to get fixed. He did not wait to get his grain. William about home all day, doing chores &c. He has this afternoon loaded a load of hay to take to the City tomorrow. Mr Warham helped him load it.

Mr Plimpton and wife returned to the City this morning - but before they went Elizabeth, Lephie and myself rode down and called on the Misses Drowns, found Miss Christina quite unwell. she had taken a heavy cold. Mother busy sewing also Lephie - and I have written letters to Mrs N. A. Katterger Ottawa Ill. - and A. O. Blanding Lyons, Iowa - to be taken to the office this eve. When we go to the singing school - Lephie has been over to Mrs E. M. Pierce and sat ^{awhile} this afternoon. Anna Pierce came in this morning and brought a letter from Mrs Murray to Mrs E. M. Pierce. In it she said Mrs Daniel Wheeler had another son, they had named it Charles - the tenth child. Lephie heard & saw a flock of wild geese this morning -

Saturday March 28th 1854-

The morning some cloudy but the clouds dispersed, but this afternoon have clouds up again, and seems a little cooler -

Uncle rested none. Last night, and did not get to sleep to day till between ten and eleven o'clock, but has slept finely since - he seems a comfortable as usual - Father about home all day, doing chores &c. - William gone to the City with a load of hay - Eben Lane did some of the shoes for him this morning - He had Dolly and the wagon last night after the singing school and did not get home till about three o'clock this morning - Mother sweeping her rooms and assisting about the baking - this afternoon has been sewing - Lephie assisting about the baking - Mary busy in the kitchen - I have done my sweeping and some ironing this forenoon and since dinner Lephie and myself have been up to Perryville after the grist was gone about an hour - Lephie has been sewing since and I have taken a nap - Mary and Lephie has cut the hay up to feed the cattle with - Mr Horton came over and milked for William - Eben Lane & Co have Dolly and the big carriage this evening to go to the Concert in the - Mary Allen made us a short call just at dark - Mrs Wilmarth called for some medicine just at tea time - William returned a little after seven

Monday the 31st

Sabbath March 9th 1867

A pleasant morning, Mercury some lower than yesterday.

Uncle rested some last night but since he took his breakfast he has seemed down and listless. Ten and eleven he got to sleep and has slept nicely most of the day he is much as usual.

Matthie

L. M. Blanding

W. W. Blanding

Mr. S. Mc Hays at Church all day - Father and Lephie at home with Uncle - Rev Mr Doe preached for us again today, and was very much liked as usual - the house was well filled especially in the afternoon - at noon W. H. Bullock was elected the one chosen for the Superintendent and he accepted the office and J. W. Bicknell was chosen his assistant - Mr Doe did not stay out to the third service, and Mr Bicknell took the lead of the meeting - Lephie William Mary and myself attended - Mrs Grosvenor was at meeting yesterday today she came into town last evening - she came to Mr. M. Pierce from meeting I think - Mr Bicknell escorted Miss Amelia and Lizzie to and from meeting this evening - it is cloudy and looks like rain

Mercury this
March 9th

Mar 30

Monday

Monday, March 30th 1857

The morning some cloudy but the sun shone but occasionally, although the clouds were seen all day, and a little rain occasionally -

Uncle rested none during the night and did not get to sleep today till about eleven o'clock since which time he has slept finely, most of the time till night - he seems much as usual - Father about home all day, busy doing odd jobs - Williams new man George W Bliss came this morn and they have gone up to the other farm with a load of Compost - and this afternoon George has hauled some wood for Mrs Allen and his horses a calf for Mr B B Horton - father and William fixing a Cart tongue - Mother assisting in the kitchen this morning - Leph sewing - Mary busy at the wash tub after - I got my chamber work done and had piece some work - I sat down and wrote a letter to Mrs L C. Grey West Boscawon - N. H. and this afternoon all have been sewing - Mrs Snook - nor came in about eleven and dinde with us, and this afternoon Leph took her down to the village, and also carried Mrs E. M. Pierce - William has gone this eve to meet with the supplying Committee, and to go over to Mr Lindeby Hortons to buy some oxen - We did not attend the reading Circle this Evening - had too much work to do - Williams other man has not made his appearance today -

Tuesday March 31st 1864-

A bright clear morning and the birds
are very merry -

Uncle about as usual this morning, Ladies
not sleep any last night and did not get
to sleep this morning till about eleven o'clock, and
is sleeping very nicely now - Father gone to the
City today - William about home this morning
digging parsnips - this afternoon gone to Mr. Lindley
Hortons after a yoke of oxen - George hauling out
manure - William has hired another man since
Aimee provided. his Scotchman disappoints him
he is working here this afternoon - his name is George
too - Mother busy sewing - as is Lephie - and since
I got my chamberwork done I have been sewing
shall get the other bed quilt in this afternoon
Jackson - I have been over to Mrs. Allen and got
some more cotton, and the quilt is all ready for
the cotton to be put on - Anna Pierce and Sarah
Pearce came in and made us a call this afternoon
Gilbert ~~moves~~ moves to Norton - the first of
next month - Lephie has gone to make a call at
Mr. Nashs - we thought of having Mary Allen
and Lucy Nash come to help us quilt tomorrow, but
when father returned he said Mr. Mattinger would
be in Providence the first of April and the things
might be sent on in a box so we shall not hurry so
fast - William came home with a pair of oxen -
Mrs. Deavena got here about seven o'clock - had
a very pleasant evening with her -

Henry this
Morn 88